



# St Joseph's Primary School

## Kindergarten

### Term 2 Information

2nd May 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello and a big warm welcome back to all our Kindy families for what looks to be a fun-filled Term 2!

This term we will be looking at the theme of 'Under the Sea', and we will be looking at animals that live in the sea and slowly transform our classroom into an aquarium. We are setting up a "Kindy AQWA" in our role play area with lots of different aquariums, shells and sea creatures for the children to explore.

This term the children will begin learning the Pre-writing patterns, a program which introduces the basic writing movements that are found when writing each letter of the alphabet. These are taught using a verbal cue, usually a rhyme, which, when spoken out aloud in conjunction with making the related movement, assist the children in remembering the pattern much quicker. These will be taught weekly, and the children will be completing a number of hands-on activities when learning these. The first pattern we will learn is "Sideways, sideways, left to right" – hopefully your child will demonstrate when they come home from school.

The children will also focus on writing their names this Term. Last term saw children identifying their own names, and this term the children will be tracing their names in the morning upon entering the classroom. They have their own name writing book, which is kept in a box, and upon entry, before going off to other activities, they are asked to practise writing their name (with the help of their parent) on one sheet and showing a member of kindy staff, who will stamp their work and their hand before collecting the name writing book. Teaching correct letter formation when writing names is extremely important, especially in the early years, as it is almost impossible to "unteach" incorrect letter formation (or when children are taught to write their names with capital letters only). We thank you for your support in this, and if you would like a laminated card with your child's name printed on it for use at home, please let us know and we will be happy to supply one.

We are excited to introduce Kindy Yoga to our classroom sport program this Term. Mrs Lorimer is very excited to lead the children in Yoga, which will be held in the Josephite centre on Thursdays.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to approach us, we will be most happy to help you.

Kind regards,

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Kindergarten Team